



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

NEWSLETTER



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APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL

Minister of Justice, V.H. Cornelius de Weever appointed Mr. Russell Ursula, LL.M., MPA as Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, after undergone a thorough recruitment process.

Ursula, a former Police Inspector who holds a Masters degree in Law and another in Public Policy & Administration, possesses over 20 years of experience in related functions.

Ursula's professional career includes an 11-year stint as the Deputy Director of the Netherlands Antilles Security Services (V.N.A.). He then spent 6 years as the Director of the Ministry of Justice of the former Netherlands Antilles, before taking up the position of Deputy Executive Director of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), where he remained until moving to Canada in 2007.

There, Mr. Ursula worked with the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units (FIU's) and further enhanced his skills set in the fields of governance, risk and compliance. His expertise includes, among others, organizational enhancement, policy development and compliance & risk management.



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If you have questions or feedback regarding the information herein or the newsletter in general, please don't hesitate to reach out through email or phone. We look forward to keeping you informed!

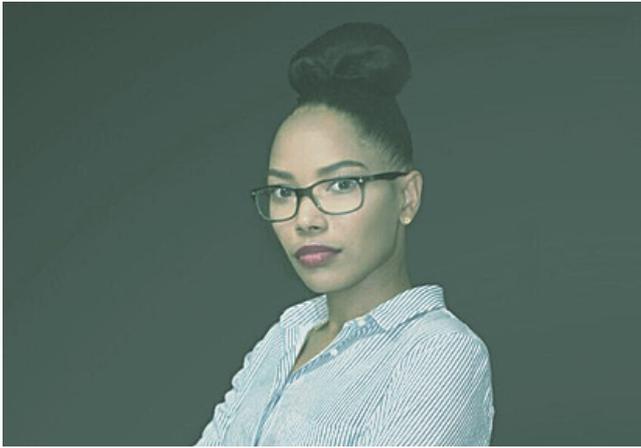
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HON. VAN HUGH C. DE WEEVER

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The Minister is pleased to have Mr. Ursula on board and believes that Ursula's knowledge and expertise, will undoubtedly add to the further advancement of the Ministry and its services.

As of March 1, 2019, Mr. Ursula replaced Mr. Eunicio Martina, who held the function temporarily until a suitable candidate could be recruited.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT RICHARDINA NICOLAAS

Q. What is your function?

A. I am currently group leader at the Korps Douane on the Princess Juliana International Airport.

Q. How long have you been working with the Ministry of Justice?

A. I've been working for 11 years with in the Ministry of Justice.

Q. Who inspires you? And why?

A. My father in law inspires me to be the best version that I can be. He is such a strong, honest motivated man.

Q. What are you passionate about within your job field?

A. In always wanting to learn more and mastering what I'm good in. I'm passionate in doing everything to the best of my ability. Everything I do I enjoy doing because I put all my energy and love into it.

Q. Who would you like to swap places with for just one day?

A. I would not want to switch places with anyone. I believe I was created to be right where I am at this present moment. This is my destiny and if I do switch places I would be living a life that was not destined for me.

Q. Describe a perfect day at the airport.

A. A perfect day for me would be confiscating a large amount of money or narcotics; an amount so big that we will need assistance of other departments to transport it.

Q. What's the best thing that has happened to you within your department for 2019?

A. I've seen the Douane grow to a standard that I always dreamed of seeing. Being a part of such a big step like this is actually an honor.

Q. Tell us how Korps Douane has grown over the past year.

A. We have a new Interim head which was actually my supervisor for 7 years; Mr. Bernadina and he has changed the department drastically with 10 new vehicles, recruiting 23 new colleagues, two beleidsmedewerkers and two team leaders. Our main office is being build back with new equipment, X-ray machines but most of all we surpassed our regular amount of cases we accumulate per year. I believe by the end of this year we will be up to the level of quality that we should be. Visit our page "Customs St. Maarten"

Q. Motivational message for your colleagues?

A. Be passionate within your job. We were chosen to serve country Sint Maarten. To those who are discouraged or demotivated, be the change that you want to see.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

On Thursday March 19th, 2015, the first Tri-Partite deliberations were held at the Ministry of Justice. The purpose of this deliberation was mainly to focus on justice related issues all three Kingdom partners of Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten are confronted with in terms of Immigration, Cooperation in the area of combatting international organized crime and other pertinent matters.



AIRPORT OFFICERS SWORN IN BY MINISTER

The security officers at the Princess Juliana International Airport were sworn in by Minister of Justice Cornelius De Weever as auxiliary police officers during the month of March 2019. The Minister, in his address to the men and women advised them to carry out their duties with respect and dignity and congratulated them on their achievement.



Pictured above: Minister Cornelius De Weever and Chief Operations Officer of the Princess Juliana International Airport Michael Hyman along with the recently sworn-in security officers following the ceremony at the Government Administration Building.



DIPLOMATIC ID'S INTRODUCED SOON

The introduction of diplomatic identification cards for members of the diplomatic corps on St. Maarten has begun. The identity card for a diplomat or a "privileged" person as the ordinance states will allow the cardholder to quickly show authorities that he/she is entitled to perform consular functions on the island, which in turn provides them with a certain level of immunity and a number of privileges.

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Three categories of diplomats are recognized in St. Maarten – members of consular posts in St. Maarten, honorary consuls, and consuls in other countries visiting St. Maarten.

The ID Card for the system will be classed in Status A, B, C, or D and each card has a different color to further assist in identifying the specific person concerned.

The Red Card will be given to career consuls on Sint Maarten (Status A), vice-consuls (Status B), Dutch nationals or permanent residents employed at the consulate (Status C) or their family members and household help (Status D).

The Blue Card is earmarked for honorary consuls with either a Dutch nationality or in possession of a valid residence permit (Status C).

The Yellow Card will be given to career consuls and consular workers outside of St. Maarten that are accredited to work in St. Maarten. These fall into two categories career consuls (Status A) and honorary consuls and consular workers (Status C).

WORKSHOPS ON DIPLOMATIC ID'S HELD

During the month of March, multiple workshops were held at the Government Administration Building to introduce and give an overview of the pending implementation of diplomatic identification cards. Members of management and staff of all authoritative entities were present.



Pictured above: Staff members of the Immigration Department, Police Force, Customs and Coast Guard during the various workshops on the implementation of diplomatic identification cards in St. Maarten.

HAPPY CARNIVAL 50!



The Ministry of Justice would like to wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable season as we celebrate 50 years of Carnival in St. Maarten! The Minister would like to remind everyone that although this is meant to be a time where we partake in festivities that celebrate life, that we make sure to do so in a safe and responsible manner. Have fun and here's to 50 years more!